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"The purpose of the economic stimulus package is to provide a jump-start to the American economy," Braley said. "If the millions of American families receiving tax rebates from the stimulus spend their checks on American-made goods and services, the effect of the stimulus will be magnified. Buying American will infuse an additional \$10 billion into the American economy and will help narrow our growing trade deficit."

Under the economic stimulus package passed by the House and Senate last week, 1.2 million Iowa households and 117 million American households would receive a tax rebate. The average Iowa household would receive a rebate of \$917. Braley voted for the legislation.

President Bush is expected to sign the stimulus bill into law tomorrow.

18 Representatives are original co-sponsors of the bipartisan resolution, including Reps. Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa), Rep. Don Manzullo (R-Illinois) and Phil Hare (D-Illinois).